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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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10 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 vs.

IN EQUITY
No. A-3 LDG

13 ORR WATER DITCH COMPANY, et al.,

14 Defendant.

15 ORDER APPROVING WATER MASTER'S BUDGET FOR
16 2012-2013; CREATING AN ASSESSMENT TO REPLENISH
17 THE FUND HERETOFORE ESTABLISHED TO PAY THE
18 EXPENSE OF CONDUCTING THE WATER MASTER'S
19 OFFICE; CREATING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO
20 CONTINUE THE FUND HERETOFORE ESTABLISHED TO
21 PAY THE EXPENSE OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATION
22 OF STEAMBOAT CREEK AND THE WASHOE LAKE
23 OR UPPER STEAMBOAT CREEK AND THE WASHOE LAKE
24 RESERVOIR; APPORTIONING THE COSTS THEREOF;
25 AND PROVIDING THE MANNER AND METHOD FOR COLLEC-
26 TION THEREOF; AND APPROVING THE WATER MASTER'S
27 ADMINISTRATION OF THE DECREE FOR 2011-2012

28 BE IT REMEMBERED that the petition of CHAD BLANCHARD, Water
Master appointed herein to administer the Final Decree entered on
September 8, 1944, asking that an assessment be created to
replenish the fund heretofore established to pay the expenses of
conducting the office of the Water Master, and a special assessment
be created to replenish the fund heretofore established to pay the
expense of his special administration of Steamboat or Galena Creek,

1 Washoe Creek or Upper Steamboat Creek and the Washoe Lake
2 Reservoir, and approving the Water Master's administration of the
3 Decree for 2011-2012, and approving the filing of an audit for
4 2011-2012, by January 15, 2013, and for such other action as might
5 seem meet and proper in the premises, filed with the Clerk of this
6 Court on December 10, 2012, having come on for hearing this date
7 pursuant to proper notice, and all parties having the opportunity
8 to be heard on objections filed, and good cause appearing,

9 **NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

10 1. That the estimated general budget for the period from
11 October 1, 2012, to September 30, 2013, submitted by the Water
12 Master on December 10, 2012, as part of his petition, is hereby
13 approved.

14 2. That in order to provide a means for the payment of
15 further expense of conducting the office of the Water Master,
16 particularly for the period from October 1, 2012 to September 30,
17 2013, there is hereby created an assessment in the sum of FOUR
18 HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$450,000.00) to replenish the fund
19 heretofore established, and that the same be, and hereby is
20 apportioned to be paid and borne as provided in the Final Decree,
21 to wit:

22 One-third by the United States of America,
23 one-third by the TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY
24 and the remaining one-third by the remaining
25 persons or corporations whose rights are
26 adjudicated by this Decree.

27 3. That the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District and the
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1 Bureau of Indian Affairs of the United States of the Interior be,
2 and they hereby are, ordered and directed to pay the office of the
3 Water Master in this case, as their apportioned one-third
4 assessment, the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS
5 (\$150,000.00); that NINETY-TWO and ONE-HALF PERCENT (92-1/2%) of
6 said amount, being the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND
7 SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$138,750.00), is to be borne by the
8 Truckee-Carson Irrigation District for Newlands project lands, and
9 SEVEN and ONE-HALF PERCENT (7-1/2%) of said amount, being the sum
10 of ELEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$11,250.00), is to be
11 borne by the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the United States
12 Department of the Interior for Pyramid Indian lands, such
13 assessment to be paid on or before January 15, 2013.

14 4. That defendant, TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY, be, and
15 it is hereby ordered, and directed to pay the office of the Water
16 Master in this case, as its apportioned one-third of the
17 assessments, the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS
18 (\$150,000.00), the assessment to be paid on or before January 15,
19 2013.

20 5. That the "remaining persons or corporations whose rights
21 are adjudicated by this Decree, or their successors in interest",
22 be, and they hereby are, ordered and directed to pay as their
23 apportioned one-third of the assessment, the total sum of ONE
24 HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00), payable as more
25 specifically hereinafter set forth.

26 6. That Washoe County Water Conservation District be, and it
27 hereby is, directed to levy and collect prorata assessments from
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1 the remaining persons or corporations whose rights were adjudicated
2 by this Decree and whose lands are within the boundaries of the
3 Washoe County Water Conservation District in the amount of SIXTY-
4 FIVE PERCENT (65%) of their apportioned one-third shares of the
5 total assessments provided for in this Decree, being the sum of
6 NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$97,500.00); that
7 Washoe County Water Conservation District be, and it hereby is,
8 directed to allocate said sum among its members as aforesaid,
9 according to a schedule of charges based upon acreage, including
10 minimum charges applicable to fractional acreage, which schedule
11 shall be subject to the approval of the Water Master, and that the
12 Washoe County Water Conservation District shall pay the aforesaid
13 sums collected by such District for the Water Master on or before
14 January 15, 2012.

15 7. That the remaining persons or corporations whose rights
16 were adjudicated by this Decree and whose lands are outside of the
17 boundaries of the Washoe County Water Conservation District be, and
18 hereby are, ordered and directed to pay THIRTY-FIVE PERCENT (35%)
19 of their apportioned one-third share of the total assessments
20 provided for in this Decree, being the sum of FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND
21 FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$52,500.00); that the Water Master, CHAD
22 BLANCHARD, be, and hereby is, directed to collect such sums as
23 aforesaid according to a schedule of charges, which charges shall
24 be paid to the Water Master on or before January 15, 2013, as
25 follows: The minimum assessment of SEVENTEEN DOLLARS AND 20 CENTS
26 (\$17.20) against those parties owning fifty (50) acre-feet or less;
27 against those parties owning more than fifty (50) acre-feet, the
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1 sum of THIRTY-FIVE CENTS (\$.35) for each acre-foot.

2 8. That the Water Master, CHAD BLANCHARD, be, and hereby is,
3 directed to continue to maintain as part of the Water Master's
4 fund, a separate bank account or accounts known as the "Excess
5 Payment Account" heretofore established pursuant to an order of
6 this Court, only as to the assessments collected from the remaining
7 persons or corporations whose lands are outside the boundaries of
8 the Washoe County Water Conservation District, and who are
9 responsible for THIRTY-FIVE PERCENT (35%) of their apportioned one-
10 third share of the total assessments provided for in this Decree;
11 and that any excess sums which are collected and deposited in said
12 account shall be held in such account, and subject to disbursement
13 only as may be directed from time to time by this Court.

14 9. That the Water Master's estimated excess payments account
15 budget for the period from October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013,
16 submitted by the Water Master on December 10, 2012, as part of his
17 petition herein, is hereby approved.

18 10. That the Water Master's report and audit for the fiscal
19 year ending September 30, 2012, shall be filed with the court by
20 January 15, 2013, filed with the court on December 10, 2012, is
21 hereby approved.

22 11. That the Water Master is granted authority to continue
23 the additional duties of supplying hydraulic data and assisting in
24 the coordination of the operation of the Prosser Creek and Stampede
25 Reservoirs in the State of California pursuant to a request
26 therefore made by the Bureau of Reclamation of the United States
27 Department of the Interior, his services in that connection to be
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1 compensated for at a sum not to exceed ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT
2 THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$158,000.00) per year; that the Prosser Creek and
3 Stampede Reservoirs' operation budget for the period from October
4 1, 2012, to September 30, 2013, submitted by the Water Master on
5 Petition filed December 10, 2012, is hereby approved.

6 12. That all monies collected from the Bureau of Reclamation
7 of the United States Department of the Interior pursuant to this
8 Order shall be deposited by the Water Master in a special fund of
9 the Water Master's office.

10 13. That the Water Master shall include in the annual report
11 and audit by a certified public accountant, required to be filed by
12 him with the Court on or before January 15, 2014, a report
13 concerning his services rendered the Bureau of Reclamation of the
14 United States of the Interior for the period ending on September
15 30, 2013, and an audit of the monies collected and expended by him
16 in connection with such services.

17 14. That the Budget submitted by the Water Master on
18 December 10, 2012, as an Exhibit "B" (Special Fund) to his
19 petition, as the necessary expenses to be incurred by the Water
20 Master in administering the provisions of the Final Decree
21 relating to Steamboat or Galena Creek, Washoe Creek or Upper
22 Steamboat Creek and the Washoe Lake Reservoir from October 1, 2012
23 to September 30, 2013 is hereby approved.

24 15. That in order to provide a means for the payment of the
25 additional necessary expenses to be incurred by the Water Master in
26 administering the provisions of the Final Decree relating to
27 Steamboat or Galena Creek, Washoe Creek or Upper Steamboat Creek
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1 and the Washoe Lake Reservoir for the period from October 1, 2012,
2 to September 30, 2013, there are hereby created special assessments
3 in the total sum of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS
4 (\$17,500.00), more or less, as shown in the Special Assessment Roll
5 on the records of the Water Master, to continue the fund heretofore
6 established on July 27, 1962, by an Order of this Court for special
7 administration.

8 16. That the water users named in the Special Assessment Roll
9 on the records of the Water Master, be, and they hereby are,
10 ordered and directed to pay the office of the Water Master the sums
11 of money specified as their share of such special assessments in
12 such Special Assessment Roll on or before January 15, 2013.

13 17. That all monies collected as such special assessments
14 pursuant to this order, shall be deposited by the Water Master in
15 a special fund of the Water Master's office.

16 18. That the Water Master shall include in the annual report
17 and audit by a certified public accountant, required to be filed by
18 him with the Court on or before January 15, 2014, a report
19 concerning his special administration of the water of Galena or
20 Steamboat Creek, Washoe Creek or Upper Steamboat Creek and the
21 Washoe Lake Reservoir for the period from October 1, 2012 to
22 September 30, 2013, and an audit of the special assessment monies
23 collected and expended by him in the supervision of such stream
24 system for said period.

25 19. That the Water Master shall continue to operate the
26 reservoirs of Boca and Lake Tahoe.

27 20. That each and all of the various assessments and special
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1 assessments above stated and apportioned to the various parties
2 hereto are hereby adjudged to the extent of the various assessments
3 and special assessments to be a charge and obligation taxable and
4 payable as costs in this action, the same as if entered in a
5 judgment or decree, and to be and remain until paid, a first lien,
6 against all right, title and interest of the above-named
7 defendants, intervenors, parties or persons, and their predecessors
8 and successors in interest, in the lands, ditches, water and water
9 rights and works owned or claimed by them, or as shown, appearing,
10 mentioned or described in the findings or in the papers in this
11 case.

12 21. That if any of the sums so assessed, apportioned and
13 allowed remain unpaid thirty (30) days after the date mentioned for
14 the payment thereof, attachments for contempt may issue against the
15 party or parties failing to make any payments so ordered to be
16 made, and execution may issue for the recovery, satisfaction or
17 obtaining of payment thereof against the parties, intervenors or
18 persons liable for the payment thereof as above allowed, and
19 against their right, title and interest in the lands, ditches,
20 water and water rights and works, and other property, whether
21 conveyed after the commencement of this suit or not; and the same
22 may be seized and sold to pay and satisfy such amount so allowed
23 and remaining unpaid, together with costs, the same as in cases of
24 foreclosure of mortgage and liens, or upon judgment in ordinary
25 actions at law or in equity, and the Water Master is hereby
26 authorized and empowered to shut off the water of any party failing
27 to make any payments assessed against him or her, or his or her
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1 water rights, at the time or times at which the same should be
2 made, such water to remain shut off until such time as any such
3 payments shall be made, and the costs of shutting off such water
4 shall be assessed against any such party.

5 22. That the Water Master, CHAD BLANCHARD, be, and hereby is,
6 directed to continue in effect the surety bond in the sum of FIFTY
7 THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) heretofore provided pursuant to his
8 order of appointment for the faithful performance of his duties as
9 custodian of such funds and the property that may be in his care.

10 23. That the operation and administration of the Water
11 Master's office in administering the provisions of the Final Decree
12 for the period from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012, is
13 hereby approved.

14 24. That the parties in interest must notify the office of
15 the Water Master when title to a water right is changed, and that
16 the Water Master shall not be required to deliver water to any new
17 owner unless written notice of such change is received by the Water
18 Master's office.


19 25. That the Water Master is directed to create a funded
20 account pursuant to existing Personnel and Benefits Policy to cover
21 the cost of continuing health insurance on qualified personnel,
22 upon their retirement, and that the cost shall be included in the
23 Water Master's Budget each year until such time as the earned
24 benefit is exhausted.

25 26. That the Clerk of this Court give notice of the required
26 payments to be made by each water user by mailing a copy of this
27 Order and the Notice annexed hereto to each of the attorney's
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1 appearing of record for the Plaintiff and sundry Defendants in this
2 cause within five (5) days of the entry of this Order; the Water
3 Master is further directed to give such notice to the parties
4 hereto and their successors and assigns by publishing a copy of the
5 Notice annexed hereto in the Reno Gazette-Journal once a week for
6 two (2) successive weeks.

7 This Order is made subject to such further orders as the Court
8 may deem proper to make hereafter regarding this Order for the
9 compensation or expenses of the Water Master and his assistants or
10 the payment thereof.

11 DATED this 14 day of FEB 2013.

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14 DISTRICT JUDGE
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